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SUBJECT: AIR MALI IN TROUBLE

REF: (A) BAMA KO 0946, (B) STATE 063955

1. WORLD AIRWAYS REPRESENTATIVE RAY COLLINS BRIEFED EMBASSY OFFICER EVENING MARCH 23 ON DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE IN WORLD AIRWAYS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PAYMENT OF DOLS 300,000 OWED BY AIR MALI. MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TRAORE FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD EDWARD DALY WAS RECEIVED IN BAMA KO MORNING MARCH 23, AND THAT AFTERNOON, COLLINS WENT TO SEE MINISTER OF STATE ENTERPRISES SEKOU SANGARE WITH COPY. SANGARE WAS ALREADY AWARE OF GENERAL THRUST OF MESSAGE, AND INDICATED UNHAPPINESS OVER BOTH THE "HARSH TONE" AND THE TIMING OF THE LETTER. SANGARE INFORMED COLLINS THAT A CABINET MEETING HAD BEEN HELD EARLIER THAT DAY AND A DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING BILLS AS DEMANDED.

2. COLLINS LATER DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S COPY OF MESSAGE TO OUMAR MACALOU, DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET. MACALOU, AFTER READING LETTER, INDICATED FOLLOWING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLINS:

A) PRESIDENT TRAORE WOULD RESPOND TO MR. DALY'S MESSAGE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 25;

B) THE MONEY OWED TO WORLD AIRWAYS WOULD BE PAID BY THE DEADLINE DEMANDED;

C) AIR MALI WOULD CONTINUE THE CONTRACT RELATIONSHIP
WITH WORLD AIRWAYS; AND

D) MINISTER OF STATE ENTERPRISES SANGARE WOULD VISIT
WORLD AIRWAYS HEADQUARTERS IN OAKLAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE
TO DISCUSS MEANS OF AVOIDING A REPETITION OF THIS
SITUATION.

3. COLLINS' REACTION TO THIS IS ONE OF HOPE TEMPERED BY
SKEPTICISM BORN OF THE COUNTLESS DELAYS AND PROCRASTINATIONS
WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED AIR MALI/WORLD AIRWAYS FINANCIAL
RELATIONS UNTIL NOW. INDICATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT
THE GOM HAS DECIDED THAT THE EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY
EFFECTIVE GROUNDING OF THE NATIONAL AIRLINE WOULD BE TOO
GREAT, AND THAT PAYMENT WILL THEREFORE BE MADE.
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